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To both HOUSES of

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His MAJESTY's moſt gracious SPEECH to both HOUSES of Parliament, on *Thurſday* the Firſt Day of *December*, 1757.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I would have given Me the greateſt Pleaſure to have acquainted you, at the Opening of this Seſſion, that Our Succeſs in carrying on the War had been equal to the Juſtice of Our Cauſe, and the Extent and Vigour of the Meaſures formed for that Purpoſe.

I have the firmeſt Confidence, that the Spirit and Bravery of this Nation, ſo renowned in all Times, and which have formerly ſurmounted ſo many Difficulties, are not to be abated by ſome Diſappointments. Theſe, I truſt, by the Bleſſing of God, and your Zeal and Ardour for My Honour, and the Welfare of your Country, may be retrieved. It is My fixt Reſolution to apply My utmoſt Efforts for the Security of My Kingdoms, and for the Recovery and Protection of the Poſſeſſions and Rights of My Crown and Subjects in *America*, and elſewhere; as well by the ſtrongeſt Exertion of Our Naval Force, as by all other Methods. Another great Object, which I have at Heart, is the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Liberties of *Europe*; and, in that View, to adhere to, and encourage My Allies.

For this Cauſe I ſhall decline no Inconveniences; and, in this Cauſe, I earneſtly deſire your hearty Concurrence, and vigorous Aſſiſtance. The late ſignal Succeſs in *Germany* has given a happy Turn to Affairs, which it is incumbent upon Us to improve; and in this critical Conjuncture, the Eyes of all *Europe* are upon you. In particular, I muſt recommend it to you, that My good Brother and Ally, the King of *Pruſſia*, may be ſupported in ſuch a Manner, as His Magnanimity and active Zeal for the Common Cauſe deſerve.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

It gives Me the utmoſt Concern, that the large Supplies, which you have already granted for carrying on the War, have not produced all the good Effects We had Reaſon to hope for. But I have ſo great a Reliance on your Wiſdom, as not to doubt of your Perſeverance. I only deſire ſuch Supplies as ſhall be neceſſary for the Publick Service; and, to that End, have ordered the proper Eſtimates to be laid before you. You may depend upon it, that the beſt and moſt faithful Oeconomy ſhall be uſed.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have had ſuch ample Experience of the Loyalty and good Affections of My faithful Subjects towards Me, My Family, and Government, in all Circumſtances, that I am confident they are not to be ſhaken. But I cannot avoid taking Notice of that Spirit of Diſorder, which has ſhewn itſelf amongſt the common People, in ſome Parts of the Kingdom. Let me recommend to you to do your Part in diſcouraging and ſuppreſſing ſuch Abuſes, and for maintaining the Laws, and lawful Authority. If any thing ſhall be found wanting, to explain or enforce what may have been miſunderſtood or miſrepreſented, I am perſuaded it will not eſcape your Attention.

Nothing can be ſo conducive to the Defence of all that is dear to Us, as well as for reducing Our Enemies to Reaſon, as Union and Harmony amongſt Ourſelves.

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